

TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

By
Fulton Lewis, Jr.

Station WGMS at 7-7:15 P.M.
14 January 1958

Portions of this broadcast have been omitted due to the fact that they did not pertain to CIA or Radio Free Europe in any way.

Regarding my series of broadcasts on Radio Free Europe, ladies and gentlemen, I think perhaps the time has come to take a little stock of ourselves, where we're going so as not to forget the objectives of these broadcasts and not to see people wandering all over the lot. As I said at the very outset of this series, I have not the slightest quarrel with the stated objective of Radio Free Europe and the Crusade for Freedom, which has raised money for it. In fact, I think it is a very well worthwhile, even a noble, enterprise. Many golden words have been stated about fighting Communism with "truth dollars" and sending the message of freedom to the enslaved people behind the iron curtain to keep their hopes alive and one (garble) particular time when this can be undertaken by a private enterprise operation because that makes it a true people, true people's endeavor, and we urge you so very sincerely that this is the only reason for which there is any hope for the liberation of those enslaved people.

When the Eisenhower Administration came into power, the President was very frank and very brave in saying that the liberation was the objective for the people of Europe, our objective for them being encouragement, every assistance short of participation on our part, was given. More recently, however, a calmer school of thought went to bat, because the word liberation is never mentioned anymore. But then for the last couple of years it demonstrated the manner in which we let Hungary down at the time of its valiant revolution and tended to accept a status quo more or less. And yet the existing Communist government recognized, as the legitimate government developed a policy of coexistence. A change and intercourse along all lines developed and we settled ourselves for an indefinite period in the existing pattern.

And Radio Free Europe is one of the leading propaganda arms of the United States Government's foreign policy, actually, if you hold yourself to that policy line, it's the leader of foreign policy. I don't believe that that's what you, the American public, believe in.

I don't believe that you believe that Radio Free Europe should be preaching that doctrine to the people behind the iron curtain, because that is no message of open freedom--rather it is a message of continued enslavement. And I frankly do not believe that the sponsors of the organization or even the leaders of the organization in New York know and realize that it is the message that is being preached. The policy is anti-Russian to be sure, but the policy is not anti-Communist. On the contrary, it is pro-Communist on the national Titoist basis, and the people who are preaching it today were a part of the pro-Russian Communist national front government in these countries before they were thrown out by (garble) respective countries. In short, my quarrel with the Crusade for Freedom, and all the fine people who are sponsoring it, is that the goal it puts up and the advertising slogan is fine but what is happening at the operational level. The stuff that is actually going out is straight socialist propaganda pertaining to national Communism as against Russian Communism, and that is not what is being represented to you, the public. The operation could be immensely valuable and immensely constructive if the people at the top of it, who fought for it, hadn't allowed it to get completely out of hand. They don't know what is going on. They are being duped into serving the very opposite of what they are appointed to do and think they are doing, and they are not ready to take the trouble to finally investigate the truth of the situation.

I've offered to make my files available to the responsible heads of the organization. They fail to take advantage of that. The only conclusion being that they prefer to ignore the endless dangerous signals and red lights appearing all along the way and step instead to self-serving, self-justifying untruths of the hirelings who are drawing lush salaries for having allowed the operation to fall into its present deplorable state.

And how deplorable is that state? Well listen carefully. Among the worst most Socialist and most nationalist Communist operations, propaganda operations of the entire Radio Free Europe operation, is the Czechoslovakian desk. The head of it is, I told you, a man named Ferdinand Perutka, who has collaborated with the Russian Communists until they froze him out in 1948. Thereupon, he was picked up by Radio Free Europe as head of the whole Czech activity. He has, as one of his advisers, or had, the late Hubert Ripka, butcher of the Sudeten massacre, as council and adviser. And all the way through from the very start of the actual broadcasting, and since, broadcasts for Radio Free Europe have preached the economic doctrine of Marxist Socialism--basic Communism if you will. This is not the doctrine familiar to the masses of people of

Czechoslovakia. Mind you, they are a democratic people. They've always believed in force of the capitalistic system, that the capitalistic system does not lend itself to the functioning of the dictatorship of these people who are speaking for Radio Free Europe, who are the people who delivered Czechoslovakia into dictatorship in the beginning. These are the ones that nationalized the industries, the railroads, contaminated the schools and labor organizations to suppress all but their own Socialist and Communist political parties. Note, these all settled around the economic, which in itself is not an economy. He professes to know nothing about it.

All the reason to rouse my curiosity, where does this philosophy come from? Somewhere, somewhere in the structure, there must be somebody in the structure who must be scheming. I find that totally hidden away there is a head of the economic section of the Czechoslovakian broadcast desk of RFE who decides that economic policy, and I inquired as to his identity. He is Milos Vladek, described by the free exile newspaper Slovakias as being one of the most important officials of the entire Munich operation. Who is Milos Vladek? You won't like this when you realize what the big name sponsors and the big salary college boy of New York permitted to happen. Milos Vladek was one of the original founders along with Lenin, Trotsky, Rakosi, and Sapotsky (sic)--one of the original founders and signers of the Second Comintern Manifesto of 1921. One of the authentic originals, in fact he is the only one of them still alive. The Comintern Manifesto, of course, was the Communist international proclamation under which the world Communist conspiracy was set up; and Mr. Milos Vladek, economic mastermind of the Free Europe Broadcast of Munich was there to sign with Lenin, Trotsky, and others.

I spoke today with a gentleman who knew about Milos Vladek, and he wrote to Radio Free Europe in New York and asked naturally whether the Milos Vladek in Munich was the same one that signed the Second Comintern Manifesto. He received a polite but non-committal answer which merely thanked him for his interest. I am informed that, as of the present, Milos Vladek is still on the job with Radio Free Europe in Munich.